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Inventor: Holmes, M.  
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Mechanical Joints of Pipes  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Response to Office Action**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 20, 2001 (Paper No. 4). Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to [NJohnson@BradleyArant.com](mailto:NJohnson@BradleyArant.com) are authorized and encouraged.

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**Amendments**

Please amend this application as follows. Below this section is a separate section entitled "Remarks Supporting Amendment" that details the location of support for each amendment in the application as filed.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:****Instruction to Replace Deleted Paragraphs With Replacement Paragraphs**

**37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(i).** A clean copy of the amended paragraphs of the Specification is attached to this paper as Appendix A.

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